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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

GEORGE R.

*WHereas we did think fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, to iſſue Our Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 5th Day of September, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, in the fourth Year of our Reign, therein taking Notice, That we had received Information, that ſeveral Perſons, Subjects of Great Britain, had, ſince the four and twentieth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and fifteen, committed divers Piracies and Robberies upon the High Seas in the Weſt-Indies, or adjoining to our Plantations, which had and might occaſion great Damage to the Merchants of Great Britain, and others, Trading into thoſe Parts: And we did thereby Promiſe and Declare, That in caſe any the ſaid Pirates ſhould, on or before the fifth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighteen, Surrender him or themſelves in manner as therein is directed, every ſuch Pirate and Pirates, ſo ſurrendring him or themſelves, as aforeſaid, ſhould have Our Gracious Pardon of and for ſuch his or their Piracy or Piracies, by him or them committed before the fifth Day of January then next enſuing: And whereas ſeveral of the ſaid Pirates, not having had timely Notice of our ſaid Proclamation, may not have ſurrendred themſelves within the Time therein appointed, and by reaſon thereof are uncapable of Receiving the Benefit of Our Royal Mercy and Clemency intended thereby: And though We have appointed ſuch a Force, as we judge ſufficient for Suppreſſing the ſaid Piracies, yet the more effectually to put an end to the ſame, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to iſſue this our Royal Proclamation: And we do hereby promiſe and declare, That in caſe any the ſaid Pirates ſhall, on or before the firſt Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and nineteen, Surrender him or themſelves to One of Our Principal Secretaries of State in Great Britain or Ireland, or to any Governour or Deputy-Governour of any of Our Plantations or Dominions beyond the Seas, every ſuch Pirate and Pirates, ſo ſurrendring him or themſelves, as aforeſaid, ſhall have Our Gracious Pardon of and for ſuch his or their Piracy or Piracies, by him or them committed before ſuch Time as they ſhall have received Notice of this Our Royal Proclamation; which Pardon or Pardons we have authorized and commanded our reſpective Governours to grant accordingly. And We do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all our Admirals, Captains, and other Officers at Sea, and all our Governours and Commanders of any Forts, Caſtles, or other Places in our Plantations, and all other our Officers Civil and Military, to ſeize and take ſuch of the Pirates, who ſhall refuſe or neglect to ſurrender themſelves accordingly. And We do hereby further declare, That in Caſe any Perſon or Perſons, on or after the firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and nineteen, ſhall diſcover or ſeize, or cauſe or procure to be diſcovered or ſeized, any one or more of the ſaid Pirates, ſo neglecting or refuſing to ſurrender themſelves, as aforeſaid, ſo as they may be brought to Juſtice, and convicted of the ſaid Offence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſo making ſuch Diſcovery or Seizure, or cauſing or procuring ſuch Diſcovery or Seizure to be made, ſhall have and receive as a Reward for the ſame, viz. For every Commander of any Pirate Ship or Veſſel the Sum of One hundred Pounds; For every Lieutenant, Maſter, Boatſwain, Carpenter, and Gunner, the Sum of Forty Pounds; For every Inferior Officer, the Sum of Thirty Pounds; and for every private Man, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; And if any Perſon or Perſons belonging to, and being part of the Crew of any ſuch Pirate Ship or Veſſel, ſhall, on or after the ſaid firſt Day of July, One thouſand ſeven hundred and nineteen, ſeize and deliver, or cauſe to be ſeized and delivered, any Commander or Commanders of ſuch Pirate Ship or Veſſels, ſo as that he or they be brought to Juſtice, and convicted of the ſaid Offence, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as a Reward for the ſame, ſhall receive for every ſuch Commander, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; which ſaid Sums the Lord Treaſurer, or the Commiſſioners of our Treaſury for the Time being, are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Twenty firſt Day of *December* 1718, in the Fifth Year of our Reign.

God ſave the KING.

*Town of Naſſau on the Iſland of Providence, Nov.* 11. On the 25th of July laſt in the Evening, His Majeſty's Ship the Roſe, which had come in Company with Mr. Woodes Rogers, Governour of the Bahama Iſlands, came into our Road; but one Charles Vane, who commanded the Pyrates, cauſed a French Ship of 22 Guns that he had taken to be ſet on Fire, in order to drive out the Roſe; which was obliged to cut her Cables and run out in the Night. The next Morning His Majeſty's Ship the Milford, and the Delicia, on board which was the Governour, being ſeen at ſome Diſtance ſtanding in for this Harbour; Vane and about 90 of his Men made off in a Sloop: Two Sloops were ſent after them, but could not get up with them. The Governour ſent Officers aſhore at his firſt coming in on the 26th; but his Ship and the Milford running a-ground, he delayed landing till the 27th; when he took Poſſeſſion of the Fort, and cauſed His Majeſty's Commiſſion to be read in the Preſence of his Officers, Soldiers, and about 300 of the People found here, who received him under Arms, and readily ſurrendred, expreſſing great Joy for being reſtored to a regular Government. The Governour having choſen ſix of the Perſons who came with him, viz. M. Robert Beauchamp, William Fairfax, Wingate Gale, George Hooper, Chriſtopher Gale, and Thomas Walker, and ſix of the Inhabitants who had not been Pyrates, and were of good Repute, viz. M. Nathaniel Taylor, Richard Thompſon, Edward Holmes, Thomas Barnard, Thomas Spencer and Samuel Watkins, to form a Council; he aſſembled them on the 1ſt of Auguſt, when Mr. William Fairfax was received as Judge of the Admiralty in the Bahama Iſlands, and Mr. John Graves as Collector of the Cuſtoms, purſuant to the Commiſſions they had brought with them from England; and Mr. Robert Beauchamp (firſt Lieutenant of the Governour's Independant Company) was appointed Secretary, as were Mr. Chriſtopher Gale Chief Juſtice and Regiſter, Mr. William Walker Provoſt Marſhal, and Mr. George Hooper naval Officer, to continue till His Majeſty's Pleaſure be known. That Day came before the Council about 200 of thoſe who had been Pyrates, and ſurrendred themſelves to the Governour, claiming the Benefit of His Majeſty's Proclamation relating to Pyrates, and took the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majeſty, as did alſo ſeveral Inhabitants of theſe Iſlands. A Number of the Inhabitants and of their Negroes have ſince been employed to put this Fort into the beſt Repair poſſible, and to mount Guns up-

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